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life in Lithgow County

Lithgow County is a small gray town. The kind of place you pass through at speed on your way to somewhere interesting. The kind of place where souvenir dish-cloths that say, "Lithgow County - Blue Streams, Green Dreams", never get sold. In fact they never got made.

Sure, this place used to be a lush farming oasis. A haven for giant corn cobs, fat cows and even fatter farmers. But, since the discovery of large sulfur deposits on the outskirts, the entire region has fallen into decline. The fresh, nutritious , rural innocence has gradually been eclipsed by industrial grime. Like the worn and tired looking inhabitants, the entire county could do with a big hot bath and a vigorous nailbrushing.

The once wide and leafy streets have long been beaten into potholed gutters by heavy laden trucks. The growers market, once a bright and cheery place where farmers came to exchange fresh produce, swap gossip and race chickens, is now a poorly kept county museum of cobwebs, dust and clunky dioramas of men hitting fur seals with large sticks. The local school is equally depressing in it's ramshackle classrooms and extra screechy chalkboards. The football field is perhaps the pride of the county and it to is strewn with rocks, old tires and large patches of mud , not to mention the occassional tar pit.

The shopping strip is basically a bland maze of run down fasades with the exception of the tacky neon sign for the TRILO ENTERTAINMENT AGENCY and the retro billboards in front of the video store.

Yes, there's not a lot of color left in Lithgow any more. Every single restaurant seems to serve the same things: grits, bean mash, crumbed cutlets and corn cakes, even the Golden Fan Chinese House Of Noodles! Mind you, the legendary corner candy store, owned and operated by the Highpants family since 1822, still exists in all it's glory and I guess that counts for something, doesn't it?

Well okay, Club Med it aint'. But its just this sort of far flung, gritty , working class gulag which generates great comedy - or maybe not.

series outline

The series focuses on the many misadventures of Yakkity Yak. A young Yak misfit whose lack of intelligence, charisma, sense of humor, co-ordination and talent doesn't deter him from wanting to be a superstar comedian when he finishes school. His achievements so far are limited to being the unpopular class clown and a barely tolerated and quite reluctant football team mascot. He has occasionally been the hired entertainment for some children's birthday parties but frankly it's better that we don't talk about those incidents as legal action is currently under way.



Yakkity takes every opportunity to develop his limited performance ability. Bathroom mirrors, classmates, family, friends, teachers and even crowded bus stops full of complete strangers are all unwilling audiences for his pathetic punch lines. Our bovine bozo lives with his elderly grandmother who is oblivious to his dreams and abrasive antics and, as such, inadvertently encourages him more than virtually anyone else. Nevertheless Yakkity has managed to get the attention of a small town agent who gets him one off gigs at parties and retirement homes - "one off" because he never gets asked back.

Still, for a dull town there never seems to be a dull moment in the life of our star. He shares his comedic fantasies with his pal Keo, another misfit mutant who works in the video store after school. They also hang out in the candy shop and swap gags with gusto. But more often than not they are simply the targets of the local school toughs, like the humorless football captain Rondo Junior.

But no matter what adversity he faces, no matter how hard people try to make his life difficult, no matter how far away his dreams seem to be, deep in his heart, deep in his small furry soul Yakkity knows he is funny and that one day his star will rise, higher and brighter than any comedian that has ever walked the stage of destiny. But frankly, I think he's kidding himself.



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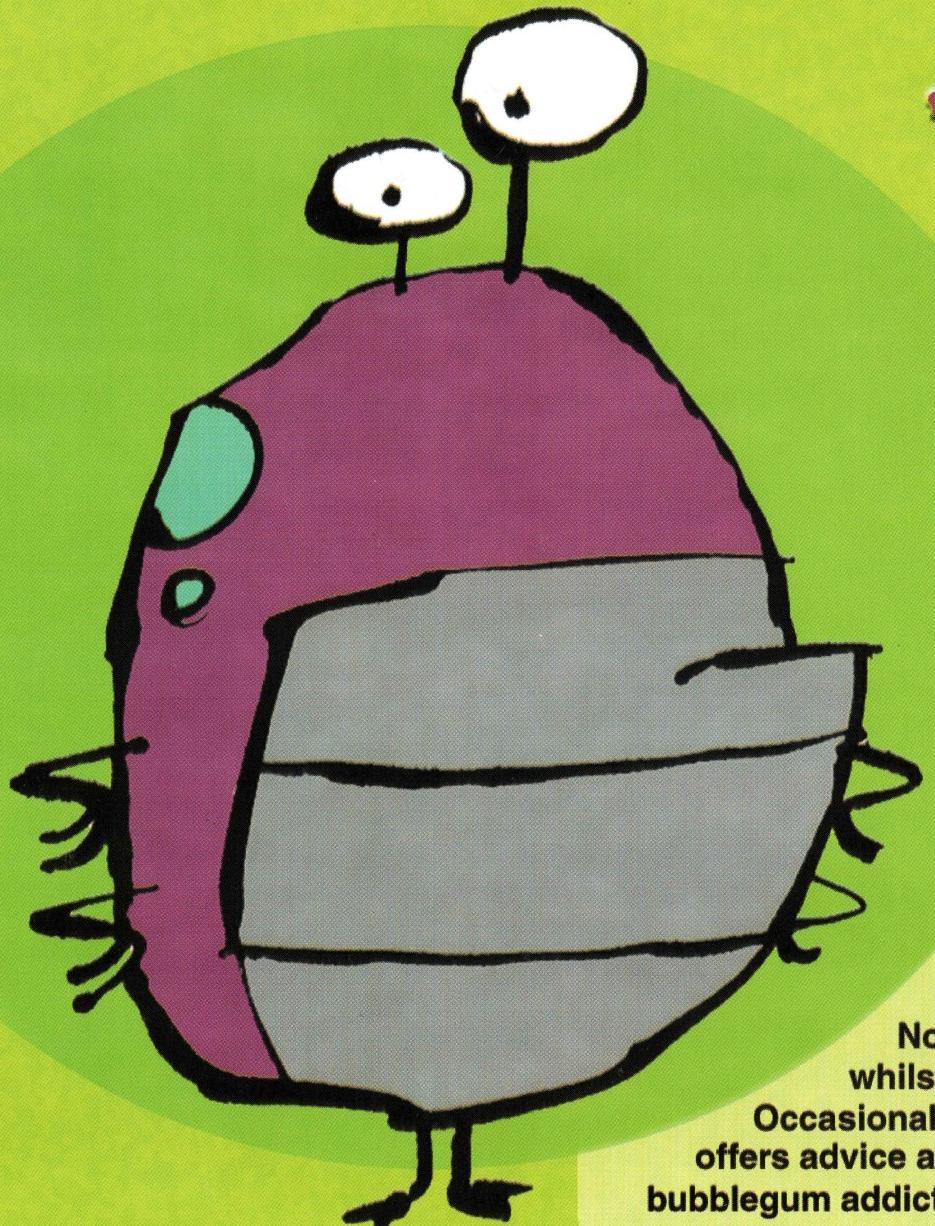
Yakkity is a dreamer. He longs to be in the spotlight, stunning his audience with clever quips, and whimsical insights. Celebrities and starlets would clamour to be guests on his show. In reality Yakkity is a student at Lithgow High - the class clown and more annoying than funny. At the weekend Yakkity performs at childrens birthday parties, with his repertoire of bad knock knock jokes, and inept magic tricks.



KEO



This strange little boy is the result of an unnatural union between a pineapple, and an actress. Keos' parents met on the set of a commercial, his father being the former spokespineapple for the Island Fresh Pineapple Company. Scandal ensued and they fled to the sleepy town of Lithgow to raise their son. The whole family is now stranded there due to contracting parasitic fruit flies and thus never being able to cross state borders. Keo is very bright and bonds with Yakkity in the way only two misfits can. He has a part time job after school at the local video store where he and Yakkity hang out.



mr. trilobite "trilo" silverfish

Owner and booking agent of the shabby Trilo Entertainment Agency. He books Yakkity, Fairy Wanda, and Chuck Damage among others for childrens parties, shopping mall promotions, weddings, and the occasional funeral. He claims to have been raised by a family of circus fleas who ultimately abandoned him when they realised that he possessed no showmanship whatsoever.

Not that he remembers it that way when he berates Yakkity whilst drawing on his vast experience as a showbiz legend.

Occasionally he uses Yakkity as a host, freeloads in his hairy coat, offers advice and bad jokes. Yakkity is in awe of this bigmouthed bubblegum addict.



chuck damage

Chuck is a former wrestling champion, now turned childrens entertainer. He re-enacts his championship days with the magic of hand puppets. His shows are hugely popular, particulary among young boys. He is quite a local celebrity, although no one really knows who he is or has ever seen his face. This adds to his enigma.

fairy wanda

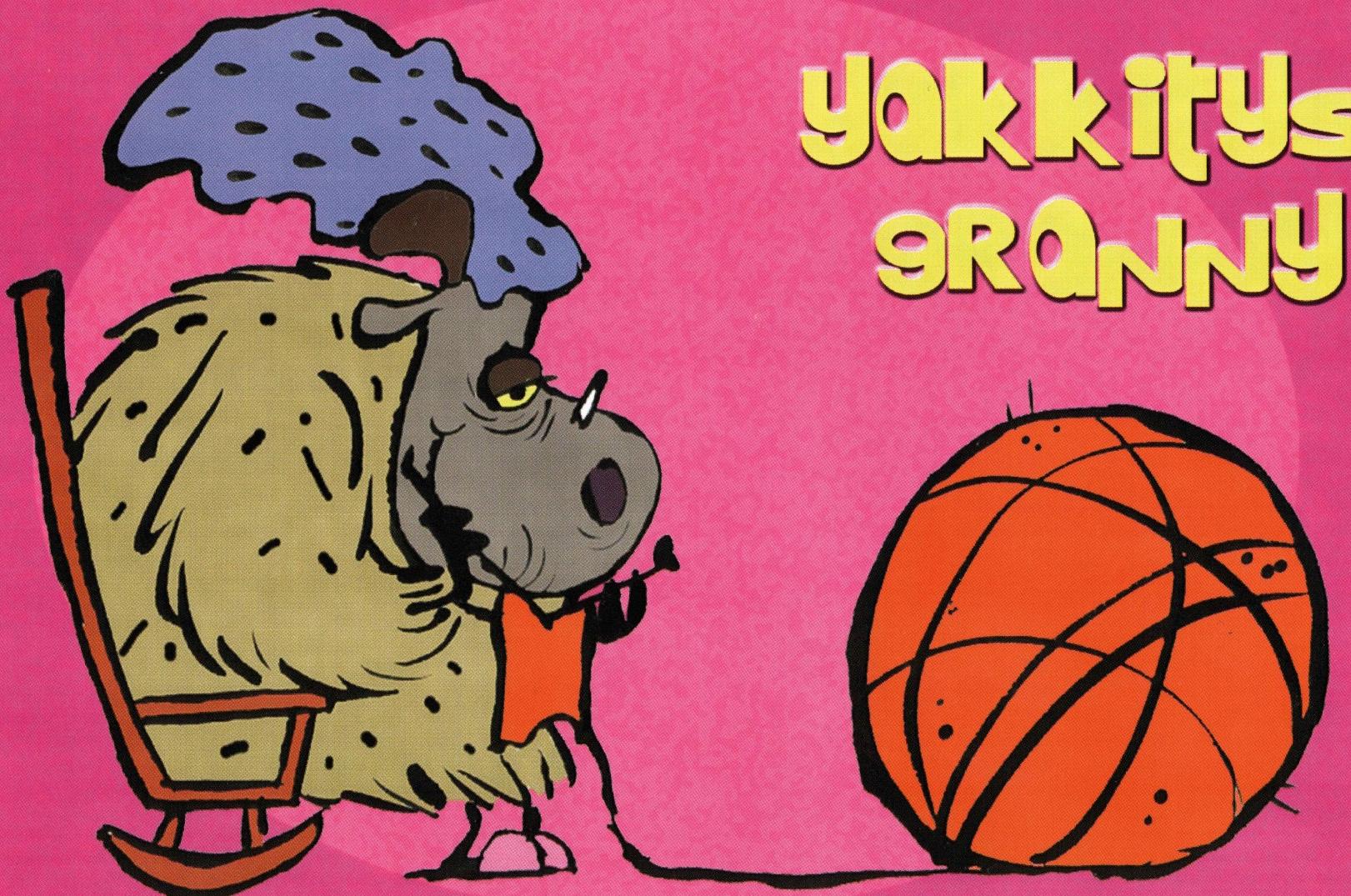
Wanda Lewinsky is the school librarian. Behind the shy smile and stylish glasses she has a few secrets. At the weekend she turns into a stunning fairy, the children, particularly the girls love her. At school she certainly makes a trip to the library that much more interesting.



Rondo jr.

This ugly Neanderthal is captain of the school football team. He is a menace both on and off the field delighting in inflicting mental and physical pain on anyone who crosses his path. He especially dislikes Yakkity, who along with the rest of the school live in fear of the dreaded nipple cripple.

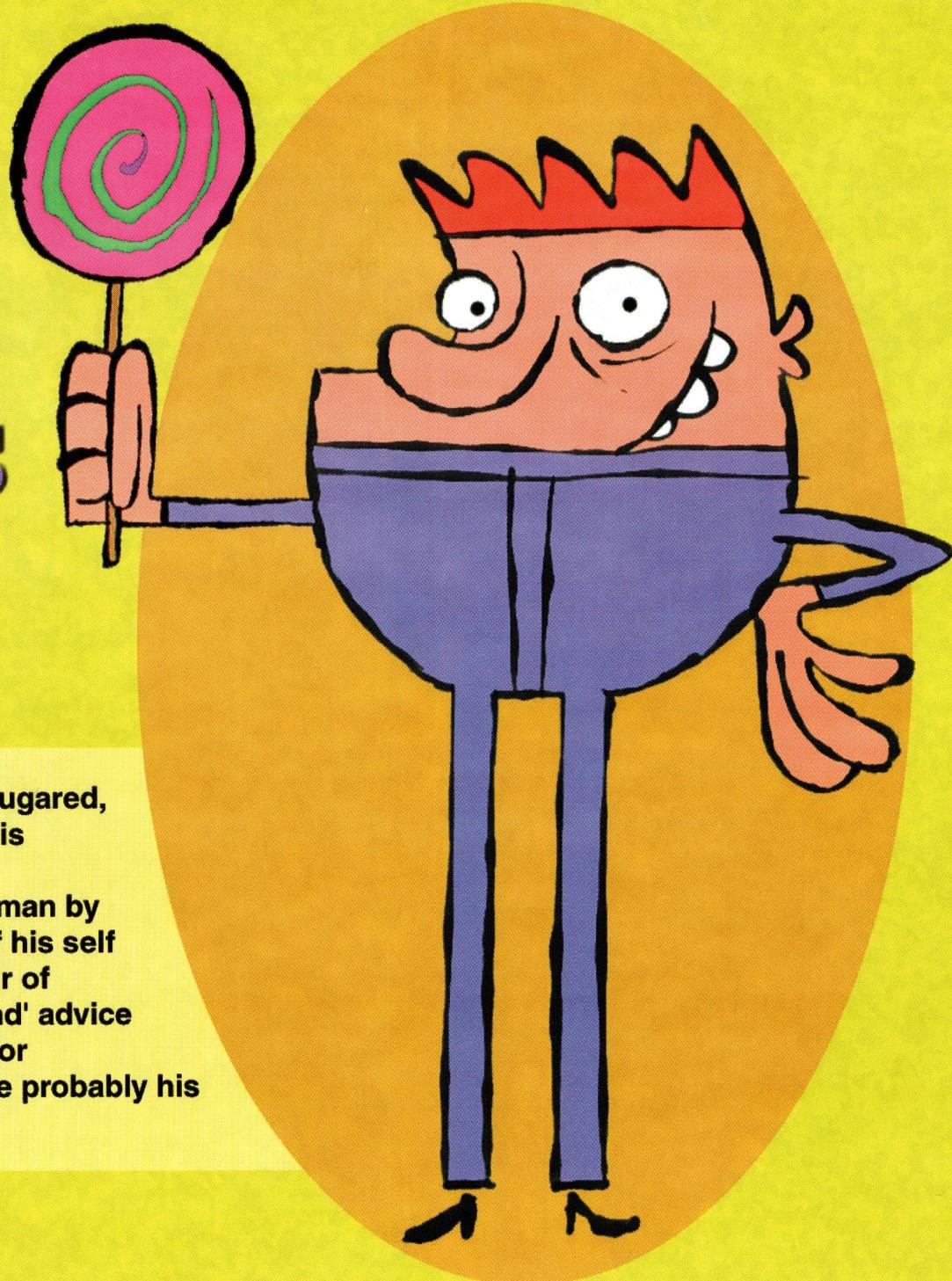




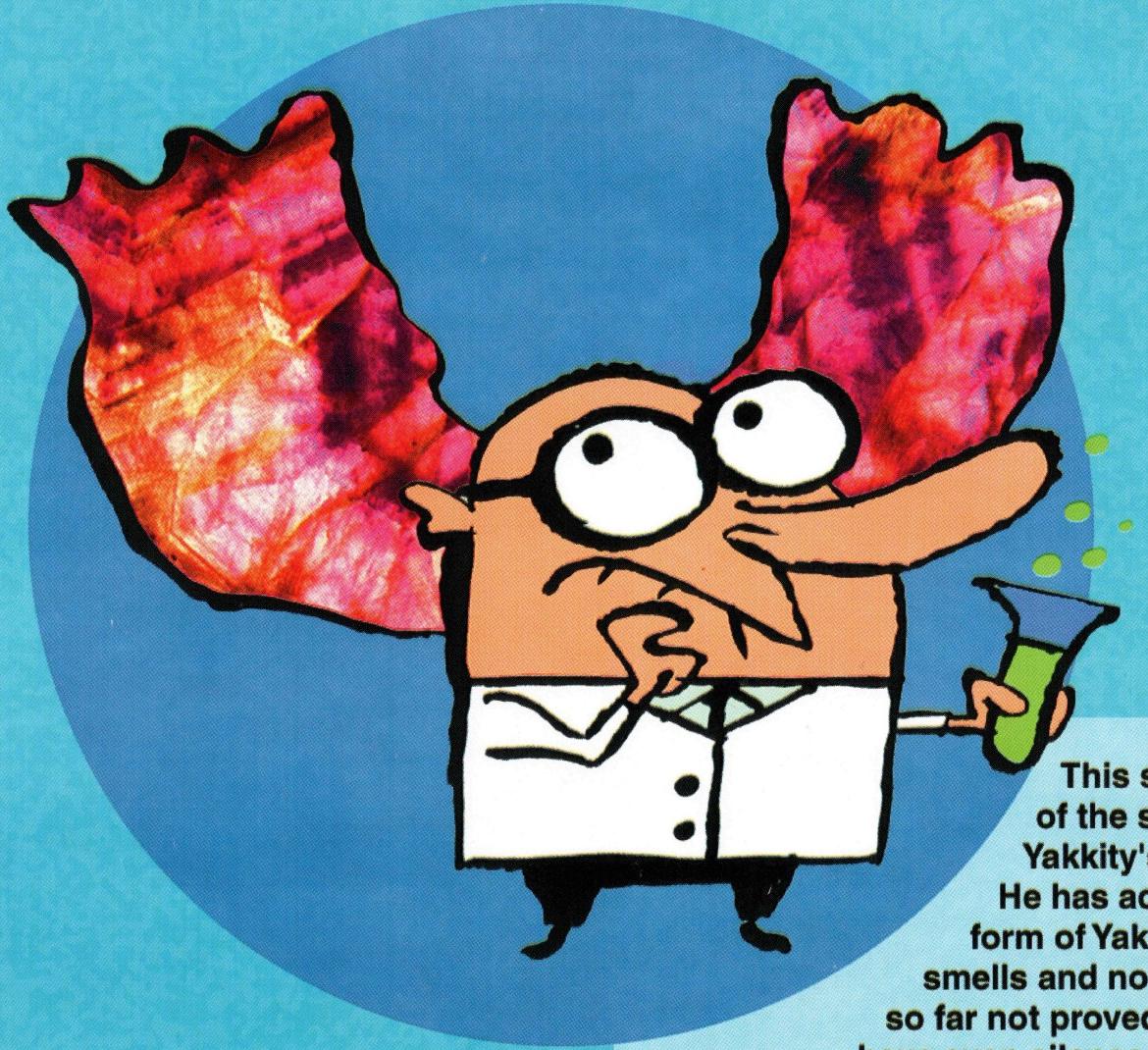
yakkitys GRANNY

Hidden behind an unbelievably huge ball of wool sits Yakkitys' Granny. This old Yak is rarely seen but is often heard dispensing wise proverbs to our hapless hero. Her knitting is ferocious and Yakkity is never short of sweaters or woolly hats.

mr. HighPants



The towns leading vendor of candy and all things sugared, is an easy going individual who generously keeps his addicted clientele supplied with the finest quality confectionary that money can buy. He is not smart man by any means but within the multi coloured confines of his self named shop his mindless observations have any air of authority. Local residents come to him for his 'sound' advice on matters ranging from choice of car to methods for washing cats. Yakkitys' many personal problems are probably his favourite subject.



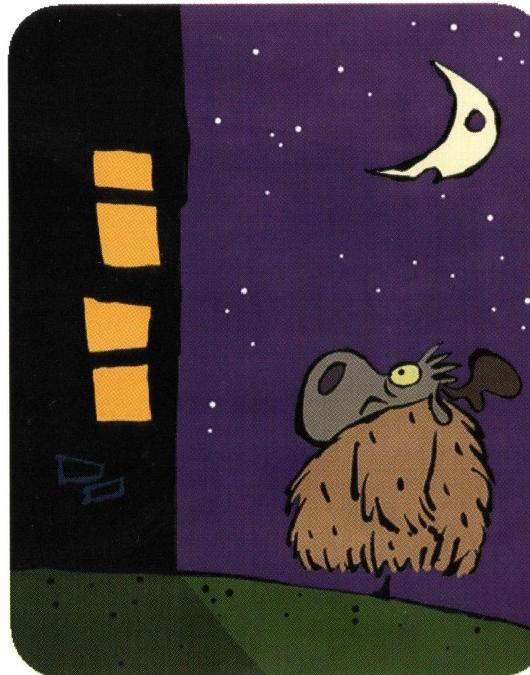
PROFESSOR CRAZY HAIR

This stereotypically eccentric inventor/scientist is the head of the science department at Yakkity's school and also rents Yakkity's Granny's garage as a small private laboratory.

He has access to guinea pigs for his crazy experiments in the form of Yakkity and Keo, who are eternally curious about the smells and noises emitted from his room. His experiments have so far not proved fatal, but the earsplitting explosions and foul smells, have even silenced the neighbourhood dogs. There is a perpetual cloudy haze that hangs over the house.

key locations in the town include :

The School, Mr Highpants Candy store, The Football field, Yakkity's House, The Video Store, Trilo Entertainment Agency



EPISODE 1

the bIRTHday Party

Yakkity goes to the pet shop to buy a rabbit for his new magic act. They only have a ferret in stock, and the pet shop owner persuades him to take it. He doesn't have time to train it properly and promptly loses it as soon as he arrives at the party. He soldiers on without it, however it makes an unexpected appearance at the wrong moment and chaos ensues.

EPISODE 2

wREStle mania

Yakkity & Fairy Wanda are hanging around the Trilo Entertainment Agency to get their weekend assignments. Chuck Damage storms in covered in party food. He demands danger money before he attends any more parties. Seeing as he is so popular Trilo suggests that they wrestle for it. They clear the table, and Trilo and one of the hand puppets compete. Trilo loses, and gives Chuck an extra dollar.

EPISODE 3

fairy Yakkity

Fairy Wanda has a broken leg so Mr Trilobite persuades Yakkity to take her place. He dresses up as a fairy and performs at a little girls birthday party. It all goes disasterously wrong. The girl turns out to be Rondo's little sister, they laugh at Yakkity, and Rondo, who doesn't recognise him, is attracted to this furry fairy. Yakkity flees, this is not one of his better days.

EPISODE 4

shRINKinG coat

Yakkity, the football mascot reluctantly goes to a football match. Some children recognise him from a party, try to pull off his coat, and pelt him with rotten fruit. He goes home to wash his coat and while rehearsing his act in front of the mirror, leaves it in the drier for too long, it shrinks to miniscule proportions. His granny knits him a new coat from multi-coloured wool, which is very embarrassing. Yakkity gives his old tiny coat to Mr Trilobite.

EPISODE 5

the Field

It is autumn and Yakkity is feeling especially hungry. One lunchtime he and Keo go out to picnic on the football field. Before he knows it Yakkity has grazed the entire field bare (yaks love grass!). He and Keo desperately search for replacement turf. They go to the local garden centre and purchase chicken manure as Keo has heard that this makes grass grow. This is true, but it doesn't grow that quickly! The entire school is given the next day off due to the smell.

EPISODE 6

the football kit

Yakkity at the end of a long football match takes the entire teams football kit home to wash. He forgets to do it, until the night before the next match, when he gets it out the bag only to discover that it has solidified. His grandmother offers help and spends all night knitting a new kit. Needless to say Rondo is not impressed. The team have to wear the itchy uniform to the match. Yakkity hides in fear of the nipple cripple.

EPISODE 7

the camp

The entire football team go on a camping trip, unfortunately Yakkity is also invited. Whilst sitting around the camp fire toasting marshmallow Yakkity sets fire to the tents. He disappears until everyone has calmed down. The team sit back around the camp fire to tell each other scary stories, when Yakkity reappears from the bushes. They think he is a large bear. Just then it begins to rain Yakkity offers them all shelter for the night in his enormous coat.

EPISODE 8

observation

Yakkity feigns illness to avoid taking a test at school. His shrewd old granny sends him to the vet, who keeps him in overnight for observation. Yakkity is shut in, in a tiny cage in a room with a lot of sick pets. Keo drops by for a visit, and helps Yakkity escape. They sleep over at Keos house where they stay up all night watching videos and consume large quantities of junk food. In the morning they both actually are really sick.

EPISODE 9

the film

Keo shows Yakkity a leaflet at the video store for a Film Competition. Together they decide to make a Blair Witch type project at the local park. They spend the night being terrorised by the local squirrels, a tramp, and the garbage men. In the morning they discover that Yakkity has forgotten to put film in the camera, and go to school tired and very grubby.

EPISODE 10

science Project

Yakkity's class is set a Science Project by Professor Crazy Hair. Later at home Yakkity enlists the professor's help. He gets carried away, and stays up all night making a volcano. Yakkity, falls asleep. Next day Yakkity proudly takes his volcano into the classroom certain that his marks will be good. However, as he places it on the designated table it self destructs leaving him covered in soot with no project. The professor gives him a D and makes him stay in at lunchtime to clear up the mess.

EPISODE 11

canned laughter

Professor Crazy Hair - Yakkity's lodger invents a canned laughter machine which Yakkity uses at one of his gigs. The machine malfunctions emitting a high pitched noise only audible to dogs. He is attacked by crazed canines and ends up in the casualty department of the local hospital.

EPISODE 12

talent Quest

The new football season is due to start and try outs are in full swing. Granny Yak insists that once again Yakkity Yak be the mascot and uphold the family tradition. Yakkity begrudgingly complies but is surprised to find that a large number of other kids and misfits, including Keo, are competing for the honor as well. The principal organizes a big talent quest in the school auditorium to select the most talented, acrobatic and charismatic mascot - in other words, it doesn't look too good for our little Yak at all.

EPISODE 13

substitute Psycho

A Ukrainian Flu epidemic sweeps through the county and one by the older townspeople become sick. So too the school teachers start going home sick and substitutes have to be called in to help. Chuck Damage, Trilo, Granny Yak, Fairy Wanda, Mr Highpants and many more locals fill the job until they too become ill and go home. Strange outsiders are called in as a last resort including a Napoleon Impersonator, a Yukon bear trapper and even a talking parrot. Finally a respectable and likable old professor takes the class and to everyone's amazement finds Yakkity to be hilarious. He encourages him like no one else has before and by the time the original school teacher returns Yakkity is inspired beyond words - up until he sees the "old Professor" strapped up like Hannibal Lecter and bundled off to the county insane Asylum.

EPISODE 14

candy catastrophe

Trilo snares Yakkity a huge break as the featured half time act at the state football final. So he doesn't blow his big chance, Trilo arranges for Yakkity to have coaching from his star acts including Chuck Damage and a contortionist with a bad back. It's all looking good until Mr Highpants, the event sponsor, insists that Yakkity demonstrate a new variety of bubblegum during his act. As directed, Yakkity blows a monstrous bubble which amazes the crowd and then - tragedy! The bubble bursts over him, sticking to his fur like glue. He thrashes around the stage like a giant "icky" pink grub, completely unable to escape and is eventually attacked by sugar ants and carried into their underground nest. Still, he gets a standing ovation, his first ever, and great reviews. Success at last!

